Manager organised this scandalous deal when he was posted at Kanpur during March, 1988; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not taking any action against Managing Director and the concerned branch Manager of NCCF?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Yes, Sir. The news item relates to the production of Janta Cloth by U.P. Industrial Cooperative Association, Kanpur (UPICA).

(b) The Kanpur Branch of NCCF has procured 570 bales and 1500 bales of Janta Dhoties during the months of March and April, 1988 for UPICA which have been simultaneously supplies to the cooperative institution in the State. They are not aware of any fake production.

(c) NCCF has reported that they have not received any complaints to this effect.

(d) Does not arise.

Irregularities in distribution of imported sugar by NCCF, Lucknow

2672. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 249 given in Rajya Sabha on the 13th March, 1987 and state:

(a) what are the findings of the investigations of CID's of Delhi and Uttar Pradesh Police;

(b) whether any departmental action has been taken against 16 staff members of NCCF, Delhi reportedly charge-sheeted;

(c) whether similar departmental enquiry has been instituted in case of Lucknow staff;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the then Calcutta Branch Manager also sold 50 trucks of Sugar to one party M/s. Sua Lal Aggarwal;

(e) if so, what action has been taken against the involved officers; and

(f) whether it is a fact that in Delhi or Lucknow only Junior Officers have been made scape-goat and the senior Officers involved have been allowed to go scotfree?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) NCCF have reported that the complaint lodged by them with the Delhi Police was returned as the delinquent employees had deposited the money due from them. The Legal Cell of the Special Police Investigation Department, Lucknow had completed the investigations and arrested one field officer of NCCF and have filed the case in the court.

(b) All the 15 employees of Delhi branch who were involved in the irregularities have been awarded minor penalties and the shortages had also been recovered from them.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) No, Sir.

Charges against some officers of NCCF

2673. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to replies to Unstarred Question 1122 dated the 6th May, 1988 and Unstarred Question 2934 dated the 19th August, 1988 given in the Rajya Sabha and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Controller of Accounts and Finance of NCCF who was under suspension since May, 1986 has been reinstated in May, 1988 despite Government's confirmation of serious allegations

against him in matters other than the case in which he was suspended;

(b) whether it is a fact that NCCF subsequently stated in an affidavit that there was no charge against the said officer; and

(c) if so, who is the officer responsible for misguiding the House or making a false statement and what action is being taken in the matter?.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) As replied earlier, the suspension of the Controller of Accounts & Finance had been revoked by the NCCF Management on 17.5.88 in view of the fact that the CBI in its report relating to the irregularities in the supply of pulses by the NCCF to the Food Corporation of India had not recommended any action against him and NCCF did not considered it necessary to keep him under suspension any longer. The Controller of Accounts & Finance is allegedly involved in the irregularities in the import and sale of dry dates which is currently under regular investigation by the CBI and action against those found guilty will be taken as per law.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Allegation against Manager of NCCF

2674. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 1214 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 6th May, 1988 and state:

(a) whether Government have taken any action against the said Manager (P&A) for committing malpractices and irregularities in appointments in NCCF during 1983 to 1985;

(b) whether any enquiry has been instituted to fix the responsibility of the same officer for not making available the records pertaining to indiscriminate purchase and packing of pulses during 1978-79 without inviting tenders and without approval of the competent authority;

(c) whether a fresh enquiry has been conducted into the assets of the said officer which are reported to be of disproportionate to his known sources of income; and

(d) if so, the details of findings of the enquiry?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a), (c) and (d) A fresh inquiry into the allegations was made and the Manager (P&A) has been shown prima-facie responsible for certain procedural lapses in making appointments. The assets of the officer have been enquired into. The enquiry report has been referred to the Central Vigilance Commission.

(b) No enquiry has been made as records were not separately maintained for PDS and as a result it is not possible to fix any responsibility in the matter.

Charges against Managers of NCCF

2675. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the improvement brought out after supersession of Board in NCCF by the new management:

(b) whether it is a fact that the managers involved in Akola purchases, Patna potato purchases, appointment scandal and black marketing of Janta cloth, have been given prizes posting by new management and so the officers inducted in various enquiries including CBI inquiries;